

Dear Energy and Technology Committee member,

I am writing to voice my support for four bills: SB 10, SB 92, SB 93, and HB 5117. These bills can have a significant impact on reducing Connecticut's carbon footprint. As a lover of the outdoors, I am incredibly concerned for the future of our planet. Action needs to be taken today to ensure that the worst impacts of climate change do not come to pass. While we may be a small state, no action is too small to help prevent a climate disaster. Connecticut should strive to be a leader in getting to net zero.

SB 10 implements the Governor's budget recommendations to reduce the levels of greenhouse gas emissions in alignment with the state's climate commitments by supplying electricity for ratepayers through 100% zero-carbon energy resources by 2040. The bill is integral to paving way for an energy efficient, clean energy economy in Connecticut.

SB 92 protects children's health and promotes the deployment of more clean electric school buses in Connecticut by permitting, but not requiring, local and regional boards of education to enter into ten-year contracts for the transportation of school children in zero-emission electric vehicles school buses. Schools buses represent a great opportunity to transition to electric vehicles - they do not have to go too far on a charge and they are out of use for parts of the day so they have downtime to charge. This bill should go even further and provide subsidies for local BOE's to incentivize the move to electric school buses.

SB 93 provides for additional financing opportunities for the installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure and resiliency measures through the state's successful Property Assessed Clean Energy Program.

HB 5117 requires certain contracts affecting real estate to allow for the installation of electric vehicle charging stations and enhances access to electric vehicle charging stations by condominium owners and apartment tenants.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit public comment in support of a well-protected climate future.

Sincerely,

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